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S. 818

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of the mortality and adverse outcome rates of medicare patients related to the provision of anesthesia services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 1999

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. REID) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Safe Seniors Assurance Study Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. ANESTHESIA OUTCOME STUDY.

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall conduct a study concerning the mortality and adverse outcome rates of medicare patients related to the provision of anesthesia services. In conducting such study, the Secretary shall analyze the impact of physician supervision of providers of anesthesia services, or lack thereof, on such mortality and adverse outcome rates.

(2) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall consult with appropriate national professional organizations with respect to the methodology of the study, and shall use medicare operating room anesthesia data, adjusted for patient acuity and other relevant scientific variables.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2000, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(c) CONSIDERATION OF REPORT IN RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall consider the results of the study conducted under subsection (a) when determining if any modification or amendment to medicare regulations promulgated under title XVIII of

the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.), and in effect on January 1, 1999, relating to physician supervision of anesthesia services is appropriate.

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